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Dear Frank,

**US Patent Application No. 09/744772**  
**Continuing PCT/GB00/02011**

As you know, I have been working with your English subsidiary, Macrovision Europe Limited, to investigate products being provided by Midbar Tech (1998) Ltd. and SunnComm Inc.. I have also considered the relevance of these products generally to the series of cases arising out of PCT/GB00/02011, and in particular to US patent application No. 09/744772.


Midbar Tech (1998) Ltd. has a product known as the "Cactus Data Shield" which comes in three versions, CDS-100, CDS-200, and CDS-300. To date, only the CDS-100 and CDS-200 technology is available and has been investigated. SunnComm Inc. have a product known as "MediaCloq" which has been reviewed.

I believe that a preliminary amendment was filed in respect of the US patent application No. 09/744772 to incorporate revised Claims 1 to 21 into the US application. I have reviewed those claims and have concluded that they are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by any of the prior art of which I am aware.

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It seems clear that the Cactus Data Shield and MediaCloq products which have been investigated infringe at least Claims 1 and 2, 7 to 13, and 18 to 21 of the claims currently on file. Nevertheless, I recommend that minor amendments for clarity, as shown in manuscript on the attached copy, be introduced. In this respect, I will let you have a more detailed analysis in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacqueline".

**Mrs. Jacqueline NEEDLE**

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